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SUBJECT: ICELANDIC OFFICIALS DENOUNCE HAGUE COURT FISHERIES
RULING

1. ICELANDIC POLITICAL LEADERS OF EVERY STRIPE QUICKLY DENOUNCED
YESTERDAY'S HAGUE COURT DECISION THAT DECLARED ICELAND'S
UNILATERAL BAN ON BRITISH AND WEST GERMAN FISHING WITHIN 50
MILES ILLEGAL. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF REACTIONS:

PRIME MINISTER OLAFUR JOHANNESSEN SAID DECISION WOULD NOT ALTER
ICELAND'S POLICY. NOTING THAT ICELAND HAD REFUSED IN ADVANCE TO
BE BOUND BY COURT'S RULING, JOHANNESSEN SAID, "WE WILL IGNORE
DECISION AS WE HAVE ALWAYS SAID WE WOULD."

GEIR HALLGRIMSSON, INDEPENDENCE PARTY CHAIRMAN, SAID IT WAS OUT
OF THE QUESTION THAT ICELAND WOULD OBEY RULING. HE SAID HE WAS
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PUZZLED BY DECISION SO OUT OF STEP WITH CURRENT TRENDS IN

EVOLUTION OF LAW OF SEA AS EVIDENCED BY DEVELOPMENTS AT CARACAS
CONFERENCE.

PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE CHAIRMAN RAGNAR ARNALDS AND FISHERIES MINISTER
LUDVIK JOSEFSSON (ALSO PA) STRESSED THEIR VIEW THAT COURT HAD
NO JURISDICTION IN MATTER AND SAID RULING CONFIRMED WISDOM
OF GOVERNMENT'S DECISION NOT TO ARGUE CASE SINCE THIS WOULD HAVE
IMPLICITLY ACKNOWLEDGED LEGITIMACY OF COURT'S DETERMINATION.

GYLFI GISLASON, CHAIRMAN OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, SAID RULING WILL
NOT AND COULD NOT CHANGE ICELAND'S POLICY ON FISHING LIMITS
AS ESTABLISHED BY ICELANDIC PARLIAMENT. REACTING IN SIMILAR
TERMS, OLL CHAIRMAN MAGNUS TORFI OLAFSSON, MINISTER OF EDUCATION
AND CULTURE, SAID DECISION OBVIOUSLY WOULD NOT CAUSE CHANGE IN
GOI'S POLICY.

2. ONLY EDITORIAL REACTION THUS FAR IS FROM PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE
DAILY THJODVILJINN WHICH SEEKS DOMESTIC POLITICAL GAIN BY
ATTACKING BOTH HAGUE DECISION AND INDEPENDENCE PARTY, WHOSE
FISHERIES POLICIES, SAYS PAPER, LED TO YESTERDAY'S RULING.

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